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Amend the amendment in section 2 in §6312 in subsection 3 by adding at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

'A person who has indicated on a valid freshwater fishing license issued under Part 13 that the person engaged in saltwater recreational fishing during the prior year or plans to engage in saltwater recreational fishing during the period covered by the freshwater fishing license is not required to register under this subsection; however, if the person intends to engage in saltwater recreational fishing for striped bass, the person must register under this subsection and obtain a striped bass endorsement under subsection 4. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide this data to the federal or state agency responsible for monitoring saltwater recreational fishing at a time and manner as determined by that agency.'

SUMMARY

This amendment exempts a person from the saltwater recreational fishing registry if that person indicates on a valid fishing license that the person engaged in saltwater recreational fishing during the prior year or plans to engage in saltwater recreational fishing during the period covered by the license; however, if the person intends to engage in saltwater recreational fishing for striped bass, the person must register and obtain a striped bass endorsement. It also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide this data to the federal or state agency responsible for monitoring saltwater recreational fishing at a time and manner as determined by that agency.